

## Now for Slough!

FLACKWELL Heath's magnificent victory at Buckingham Town has been rewarded with a dream draw in the next round — at home to Slough Town on Saturday, January 27.

There is also relief at Loakes Park for Wycombe have at last got a home draw.

They entertain Geoff Anthony's Maidenhead United, who overcame Maidenhead Town 3-0 on Saturday.

The other matches of the round see Bracknell at home to Newbury and Aylesbury United entertain Hungerford.

## Blues revenge?

WYCOMBE Wanderers, who lost 2-1 to Staines Town two months ago, have a chance to redeem themselves when they meet the Thames-side club in a return Berge Isthmian League match at Loakes Park tonight (Tuesday).

One man who missed that match for Staines was Rob Williams, younger brother of the Wycombe manager. But he has now recovered from the broken ribs that kept him out and will make a return to the ground where he played in the early 1970's.

CHALFONT St Peter goalkeeper Gary Lester broke his jaw in an ugly incident during a game last year against Wokingham — and has never been the same since, according to club officials.

This lack of goalkeeping confidence showed itself twice on Saturday and helped Wycombe Wanderers to a scrambling victory at Saints' expense in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup second round match at the Playing Fields.

Wycombe, fielding the probable same side that will take on Maidstone in the first round of the FA Cup, were well below their best in blustery conditions and on

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an uneven pitch — and so had cause to be grateful for two errors by the unfortunate Lester, who will not want to read any newspapers this week.

The first error came after just four minutes. Howard Kennedy was fouled 20 yards out from the Chalfont goal and after all the usual preparations by the defending side, he blasted his free-kick past the 'wall' and under the body of the diving Lester.

The defensive 'wall' was clearly in the wrong position, as the ball was near to the centre of the goal when it went over the line — and the shot did not appear to bend.

Responsibility for the placing of the 'wall' must be the keeper's in every case.

This was a shattering blow for Chalfont, who could have been excused if they had succumbed there and then — especially as they had gone ten games without a win. But in spite of close efforts by Steve Long and Terry Scott — they weathered the storm and equalised in the 21st minute.

Bobby Davies was penalised for feet-up against Graeme Avis right on the edge of the Wycombe penalty area and the referee awarded an indirect free-kick.

The astute Colin Davies

sent a curling shot over the 'wall'. The surprised John Maskell, who had to move quickly to his left, could only palm the ball into the path of Keith Shead, who equalised from five yards out — for Saints' first goal against Wanderers in four matches this decade.

If Maskell had let the original indirect free-kick go over the line, it could not have been a goal. But I cannot see any goalkeeper letting that happen — it's just not in his nature!

Although setting the pace, Wycombe were thwarted on many occasions by a well-worked offside trap by the Chalfont back-four, who un-

der the guidance of Peter Morgan performed most creditably.

However, they could be faulted for the goal which decided the match on the half hour. They failed to close down Paul Birdseye after the full-back had gathered a clearance. He made ground before sending a left foot shot that Lester appeared to have covered but let in under his body.

Wycombe forced six corners in the remaining 15 minutes of the first half, but when they came out after the interval, they seemed quite content to protect their lead.

So Wanderers scrambled through to their narrowest-ever result against Chalfont, without ever imbuing their fans with confidence for the tougher matches ahead.

**CHALFONT:** G. Lester; M. Little, K. Franklin, P. Morgan, A. Kinshir, R. Fowler (sub G. Hodgson 77 mins), C. Davies, G. Avis, K. Shead, P. Thorp (sub S. Brennan 45 mins), T. Gilbert.  
**WYCOMBE:** J. Maskell; P. Birdseye, R. Davies, K. Meall, A. Phillips, S. Hinchwick, S. Atkins, M. Hatfield, G. Long, H. Kennedy, T. Scott. Subs not used: D. Evans, J. Pevsley.  
**Referee:** D. J. Potter (Reading).  
**Half-time 1-2. Scorers:** Chalfont — Shead (21 mins); Wycombe — Kennedy (4), Birdseye (40).



Chalfont goalkeeper Gary Lester dives but cannot stop Howard Kennedy's 20 yard free-kick which gave Wycombe the lead.